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## DECLARATION PUSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This declaration is respectfully submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47 to account for a missing declaration from inventor Ioannis G. Stylianou (the inventor).

- 1. I prepared the above-identified application and filed it on March 2, 2002 without signatures, primarily because one of the inventors was no longer available.
- 2. The inventor was employed by AT&T when the invention disclosed in the above-identified application was submitted for filing.
- 3. Before the above-identified application was prepared and filed on March 2, 2002, the inventor left the employ of AT&T and joined Lucent Technologies.
- 4. Shortly thereafter, the inventor moved to Greece where he joined, or was conscripted into, the Greek armed services.
- 5. In the course of preparing the above-identified application I tried to reach the inventor, but he did not respond to email, and no telephone number was available.
- 6. After the application was filed, on April 25, 2002 I sent the inventor an email, addressed to yannis@csd.uoc.gr, referring to the need for him to sign the declaration and assignment.
- 7. On May 2, 2002 a reply was received, suggesting that I send the declaration and assignment to yannis@csd.uoc.gr and to <a href="mailto:sylianou2000@yahoo.com">sylianou2000@yahoo.com</a>.

- 8. I sent the declaration and assignment to these addresses on the same day, requesting, inter alia, that the inventor sign the declaration, mail it to me, and email me when the signed declaration is mailed.
- 9. To date, neither the email, nor the declaration was received.

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- 10. This declaration is submitted now because the time for responding to a Missing Parts Notice mailed by the PTO draws to a close on June 1, 2002, and there is no reasonable expectation that the signed declaration from the inventor will arrive before June 1, 2002.
- 11. All statements made of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.
- 12. I am aware that willful false statements and the like made herein are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 USC 1001), and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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